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Re: U.S. Patent Application
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For: **Device for Pretreating Specimen**
Inventor: INOSE *et al.*
Our Ref: 0666.2520000/TGD/AFK

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)," dated September 26, 2005, Applicant submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Notice to File Missing Requirements;
2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) for \$130.00 to cover:
\$130.00 Surcharge for late filing fee or Declaration;
3. Original Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by the inventors;
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent

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abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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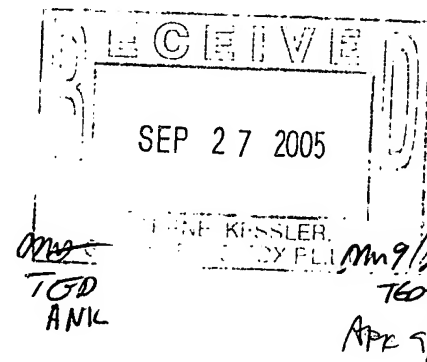
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/27/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/27/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 05/27/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/27/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 05/27/2005
- Specification filed on 05/27/2005
- Claims filed on 05/27/2005
- Abstracts filed on 05/27/2005
- Drawings filed on 05/27/2005



The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

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- \$130 Surcharge.

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The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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